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Pictured is the Clarke College Class of 1927. Front row — left to right: Mrs. Bob Lambright (sponsor), Elton Barlow, Edna Pearl Daves Yarbrough, Ethel Overby Huff, Amy McDaniel Suddith, Mrs. R. B. Moulder, Lorene May Palmer, Meritis Palmer Hawkins, Estell Walker Harris, Onedia McDill Herrington, Mrs. Ike S. Bass, Ike S. Bass, and Wheeler Cathey. Back row — left to right: Neal Putnam, Herman Keene, O. B. Dukes, Arthur Lorraine, Pellam Mills, R. B. Moulder, W. C. Palmer, W. T. McMullan, Robert W. Bateman, Oury Buckley, and W. H. Herrington.

Clarke Grads Gather For 50th Anniversary

The Golden Anniversary of the Clarke College class of 1927 was held recently on the campus with twenty-three members of the class present to renew old friendships and recall memories. Many of those who could not attend wrote to express their greetings and to bring the assembled class up to date on their activities.

The program, which had been spearheaded by Wheeler Cathey and Elton Barlow, both of Jackson, began with a time of fellowship and conversation. A time of inspiration, greeting, and welcome by W. L. Compere and Alumni Director Allen B. Parnell was followed by a break for picture taking and class business matters. An introduction of members with biographical information was followed by the

Clarke College history and a memorial service for the twenty-five class members who have died.

Over half of those present had gone on to be active in the field of education, with others in the ministry and business. The class member coming the greatest distance was Neal Putnam of Clarkston, North Carolina. Following lunch in the college cafeteria, an open discussion was held, which consisted of sharing news and items of interest to the class.

Special guests for the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lambright of Jackson (Mrs. Lambright was sponsor of the class of 1927) and Dr. and Mrs. M. C. McDaniel (McDaniel was on the college faculty in 1927).

Quoted

Easy Answers? The Christian who turns to the pages of the Bible for an all-inclusive set of rules to live by or for easy answers to today's difficult moral questions has some serious misunderstandings about the relationship of the Bible to moral decision making, according to John A. Wood, director of program development for the SBC's Christian Life Commission, during the conference on "The Bible and Moral Decision Making" at Ridgecrest, N.C. "Part of a legitimate Christian approach to decision making involves a genuine assessment of your real wants . . . God made us to desire and feel. To negate these functions is just as bad as to pervert and pamper them." The Bible, Wood said, teaches that men are free to choose and act and that they are responsible for their own decisions. (BP)

The "ideal" pastor: "The unspoken agenda for almost every pulpit committee when speaking to a prospective minister for their church is — can you make it grow? . . . Super performance is demanded and the 18-hour-a-day preacher who turns a church around as one would a corporation is lionized and lifted up . . . in spite of the fact that his wife and family are hurt in the process," declared Cecil Sherman, pastor of FBC Asheville, N.C., to a conference at Glorieta, N.M. on "The Bible and Moral Decision Making" sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the SBC. For married ministers, Sherman urged them to bring a balance to their ministries by spending more time with their families and less time trying to reach the proverbial "top of the denomination ladder" by hopping from one church to another to gain position, more money and power. (BP)

David Grant To Address MC Graduates

David R. Grant, pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, will deliver the commencement address as Mississippi College closes out its 151st academic year with summer commencement exercises Aug. 19, at 4 p.m. in the Jackson City Auditorium.

Grant, a 1945 graduate of Mississippi College, also received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from the college in 1973. He has held pastorates in Indiana, Kentucky, and Mississippi.

Of the 202 students receiving degrees, 15 will receive the bachelor of arts degree, three the bachelor of music, 16 the bachelor of science, 14 the bachelor of science in business administration, 20 the bachelor of science in education, 21 the education specialist degree, six the doctor of jurisprudence, six the master of arts, 11 the master of business administration, three the master of community counseling, one the master of combined sciences, 75 the master of education, and 11 the master of music.

Diplomas will be awarded according to schools by Lewis Nobles, president of the college. Assisting the president will be Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs; Edward McMillan, dean of the Graduate School; Tom Goldman, assistant dean of the School of Law; Gerald D. Lee, interim dean of the School of Business and Public Administration; and William Thompson, dean of the School of Education.

Brazilian Volunteer Teams With FMB For Relief Work

MORUMBI, Brazil (BP) — Geraldo Silva had worked for 19 days and nights helping the flood victims, but his resources gave way. He appealed for help and got it from Southern Baptists.

For the past two years, Silva, who moved to this north central Brazilian village to live and minister after completing his education, has traveled through the islands on a flat-bottomed boat with limited medical supplies, Bibles and literature.

Now his cargo became homeless flood victims among the Brazilian island people of the Parana River, whom he transported through the rough water, treating the sick, until his money, supplies, boat and energy were exhausted.

Silva, a male nurse who grew up in a Christian home, appealed to Southern Baptist missionaries for help and got immediate response. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$110,000 for work among the island people who are struggling to recover from recent severe flooding.

Flooding along the Parana is not uncommon, and the people have learned to accept a certain amount of annual overflow. But this year the rains were different.

"At first, a number of houses were flooded, and then rather than letting up as usual, the weather failed to cooperate," said John R. Cheyne, Southern Baptist missionary field representative for East Africa who is working this year as associate to the board's consultant on world relief and disaster response.

Always living with problems of poverty and malnutrition, the people now faced a new kind of need and Silva was there.

August 12

10,000 Expected For Youth Night

Chester Swor of Jackson, internationally known writer and lecturer for youth audiences, will be the principal speaker Aug. 12 for Mississippi Baptist Youth Night.

The annual gathering of young people from all across the state will begin at 7 p.m. in the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Larry Salter, Youth Night Committee chairman for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said more than 10,000 young people are expected to tax the capacity of the coliseum.

Until last year Mississippi Baptist Youth Night was held during Christmas holidays. In 1976 it was changed to the summertime date.

Bob Tyler, of Starkville, athletic director and head football coach at Mississippi State University, will also be a speaker during the Youth Night program. He will present his personal testimony as a Christian to the young audience.

The current Junior Miss for Jackson, Cindy Malone, will be on the program for her testimony and to sing. Cindy is a graduate of Jim Hill High School in Jackson and is planning to enroll in Baylor University in Waco, Texas, for the fall term. She is a member of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson, where her father, the Rev. Byron Malone, is pastor.

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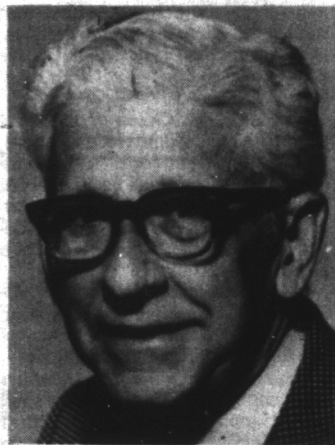
Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Kelly have returned from a tour of Southern Baptist missions installations around the world. Accompanying them on the trip were a layman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sigman of Holly Springs.

The Kellys and the Sigmans were in South America, Southeast Africa, India, and Southeast Asia. They visited 11 Southern Baptist missions (organizations of missionaries). They began visiting the missions in Rio de Janeiro and ended in Tokyo and during the five-week trip had the opportunity of interviewing more than 100 foreign missionaries.

Kelly preached a number of times during the trip and visited with many national Baptists and their leaders along the way.

"We obtained a bird's-eye view of practically all of the various types of missions work we do throughout the world," Kelly said on his return.

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Swor

Ken Medema, an internationally known blind composer, pianist, singer, and recording artist who lives in Upper Montclair, N.J.

"This is one of the strongest Youth Night programs we have had," said Salter. "We will be looking for bus loads of young people to come from every area of the state for this meeting. It is annually the biggest meeting that Mississippi Baptists have."

Playing the organ for the evening will be Chuck Endsley, artist in residence and organist at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. Endsley is also a composer, an arranger, and a recording artist.

The pianist will be Steve Roddy of Jackson, a student at Auburn University in Alabama. Steve is the son of David Roddy, minister of education at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

The Youth Night Committee for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is made up of Salter, consultant in the Sunday School Department; Jerry Merriman, associate director of the Department of Student Work; Marilyn



Malone



Tyler

Hopkins, consultant in the Woman's Missionary Union; Dot Pray, staff member in the Church Music Department; and Norman Rodgers, consultant in the Church Training Department.

Singapore Project Strategy Readies

SINGAPORE (BP) — After two years of extensive planning, an urban evangelism project sponsored by the Singapore Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist missionaries serving here is ready for action.

The development stage of the evangelism strategy is nearing completion. Already Singaporeans and missionaries are implementing the

project, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Associate Ralph W. Neighbour Jr., who has led in the development of strategy for starting 200 house churches in Singapore by 1980.

With the planning phase near completion, Neighbour is returning to his former pastorate, West Memorial Drive Baptist Church in Houston, Tex. He expects to leave Singapore in mid-July. William R. Wakefield, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Southeast Asia, said he will consult with Neighbour in the United States or even call on him for short trips overseas as the need arises in connection with the project.

Neighbour came to Singapore in January 1975 as a specialist in urban evangelism. The Singapore convention adopted the evangelism program in July 1975, and Southern Baptist missionaries have cooperated closely in planning the project.

The first step in Singapore's strategy has been identification. Using varied means of communication, Singapore Baptists have sought identity as "the people who care."

In the second step, they tried to determine the needs of the people through direct mail and door-to-door surveys. Using the survey results, Singapore Baptists are now setting up friendship groups aimed at meeting the needs of the people.

Friendship groups will offer help in such areas as guitar playing, personality development and choosing the right career. Participants in these groups will be encouraged to join Bible study groups.

"Those who come to accept Christ will then be nurtured and encouraged to start or become part of extension churches. The implementation will take many years as this program is designed to plant churches in every neighborhood of the city of Singapore," said Wakefield.

"I am very pleased that the work is at a stage where the Singaporeans feel confident of its success," Wakefield said. He just returned from a trip to Southeast Asia during which he met with Singaporeans and missionaries.

Wakefield said the urban strategy plan in Bangkok, Thailand, developing parallel with that of Singapore, is also ready for implementation. "My expectation is that the two programs will support one another as expertise and experience are shared," he said.

Pinson Elected President Of Golden Gate Seminary

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — William M. Pinson, Jr., has been elected to become the fourth president of Golden Gate Seminary.

The seminary's trustees selected the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Tex., to head the 33-year-old Southern Baptist seminary, succeeding Harold K. Graves, who retired July 31 after 25 years of service as president.

Pinson will begin his service as president on Aug. 15, 1977. The date for his formal inauguration will be announced later.

The 42-year-old Pinson has been pastor of the Wichita Falls church, one of the largest in the Southern Baptist Convention, since 1975. From 1963 to 1975 he was professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

In 1969-70 Pinson was interim pastor of Manhattan Baptist Church in New York City. He served as associate secretary of the Christian Life Commission, Baptist General Convention of

Texas from 1957-63. He was graduated with a B.A. degree from North Texas State University in 1955, B.Div. degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1959, and a Th.D. degree from Southwestern in 1963. He has done graduate study at Edinburgh, Columbia, Yale, Princeton, Texas Christian, and San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Pinson has written widely in the field of Christian ethics, general ministry, and preaching. Among his works are: "Applying the Gospel: Suggestions for Christian Social Action in a Local Church," "The Five Worlds of Youth"

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Thurman To Speak At Carey College

Clarence Thurman, former Southern Baptist missionary to Malaysia and chairman of the psychology department at William Carey College, will be keynote speaker for Carey's summer commencement Aug. 14.

Thurman was a missionary evangelist for more than 10 years before joining the Carey faculty in 1973. His biography has been chosen for listing in such publications as "Outstanding Educators of America," "Personalities of the South," and, most recently, "Who's Who in Religion."

Thurman's professional affiliations include the American Psychological Association, the Southeastern Psychological Association, and the Mississippi Association for Higher Education.

Carey will confer approximately 100 master's degrees and more than 50 bachelor's degrees during the afternoon ceremony, scheduled for 3 p.m. in Thomas Hall auditorium. Graduates will be honored at a reception in Wilkes Dining Hall immediately following commencement exercises.

Five Area Bible Conferences Next Week

Five area Bible conferences will be held simultaneously in five locations Aug. 19 and 20.

The Book of James will be studied at each one, and qualified Bible teachers have been obtained for all of the conferences.

At First Baptist Church, Senatobia, will be Robert L. Hamblin, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo. At First Baptist Church, Starkville, will be Bob Shurden, faculty member at Mississippi College. At First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will be Schuyler Batson, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Alexandria, La. At Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson will be Harper Shannon, former president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham, and at First Baptist Church, Greenwood, will be Howard Spell, a retired faculty member of Mississippi College.

Each of these conferences will begin at 7 p.m. on Aug. 19 and conclude at 11:50 a.m. on Aug. 20. The registration fee of \$5 includes breakfast on Aug. 20 and the study guide on James. Child care will be provided through five years of age.

Court School Aid Decision Both Approved And Deplored

By Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — A Baptist official here has joined others in praising the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Ohio parochial school aid case (Wolman v. Walter).

But opinion is divided in reaction to the decision, with others including the Southern Baptist Convention president, reacting negatively.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here, said that in the Wolman decision "the Supreme Court has again reaffirmed that public funds may not be used to support church schools."

"Any claim that the court has in effect paved the way for the use of public funds for church schools clearly ignores the substance of the court's decision and its rationale," Wood declared.

Wood pointed out that the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for 30 years has participated in briefs to the U. S. Supreme Court in opposition to the use of tax funds for the support of parochial schools, as it did in the Wolman case.

In these briefs, Wood continued, the Baptist Joint Committee expressed its "long and consistent commitment to the guarantees of the First Amendment respecting religious liberty and the separation of church and state, public control with expenditure of public funds, and the uniquely public function of American public schools."

In the Wolman case, the U. S. Supreme Court upheld parts of an Ohio state law and declared as unconstitutional other parts. It upheld parts that allocated public funds for the benefit of children in parochial schools, but which funds, in the view of the court, did not contribute to the educational programs of the schools. Declared unconstitutional were those parts of the law that, in the view of the court, went beyond aid to children and gave aid to the schools as such.

Upheld were those parts of the Ohio law that authorized the state to provide nonpublic school pupils with books, standardized testing and scoring, diagnostic services, and therapeutic and remedial services. The books are to be secular, state-approved books, and the services are for the most part to be performed by public employees at sites clearly identified as public premises.

Declared unconstitutional were those portions of the Ohio law that provided instructional materials and equipment and field trip services that were, in the view of the court, integral to the educational program of the schools.

The court opinion was read by Justice Harry A. Blackmun. It declared that "in order to pass constitutional muster under the establishment clause a statute (1) must have a secular legislative purpose; (2) must have a principal or primary effect that neither advances nor inhibits religion; and (3) must not foster an excessive government entanglement with religion."

The majority opinion of the court said, "We have acknowledged before, and we do so again here, that the wall of separation that must be maintained between church and state is a blurred, indistinct, and variable barrier depending on all the circumstances of a particular relationship."

In 1968, in Board of Education v. Allen, the Supreme Court upheld state loan of textbooks to private school pupils under certain circumstances.

Dissenting with the current court decision, Justice Thurgood Marshall said, "I am now convinced that (the) Allen (decision) is largely responsible for reducing the 'high and impenetrable' wall between church and state erected by the First Amendment to a 'blurred, indistinct, and variable barrier' incapable of performing its vital functions of protecting both church and state."

Also dissenting in the Wolman case, Justice William J. Brennan attacked the Ohio law by saying that "ingenuity in draftsmanship cannot obscure the fact that this subsidy to sectarian schools amounts to \$88,000,000." He also expressed the view that the Ohio program presents "a divisive political potential of unusual magnitude."

Joining those who approved the Wolman decision was Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. He said that the decision represents another major victory for the cause of church-state separation. "There has been no fundamental departure from the principle that religious education may not be supported by tax funds," he said. "The court is still firm and the wall of separation between church and state remains," he added.

In a similar vein, Leo Pfeffer, noted church-state constitutional lawyer, said that "the court has re-emphasized its adherence to the basic principle that tax-raised funds may not be used to finance educational services in religious schools."

However, Pfeffer warned, "It can be expected that parochial school authorities and legislators opposed to the constitutional prohibition of aid to religious schools will continue their efforts to find other means to evade the constitutional prohibition."

Jimmy Allen, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention and former national president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, reacted negatively to the Wolman decision. He charged that the court "relaxed its tension toward a consistent application of the principle of separation of church and state," that the decision will result in "excessive entanglement" between government and religion, and that the public schools are the real victims by draining off public funds for nonpublic school education.

Sparrow: 'Uplift Lordship'

By Laura Dent

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (BP) — Cora Sparrow, 60-year-old grandmother and sixth woman to become president of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., says her first obligation is to "lift up the Lordship of Christ wherever and whenever I have the opportunity."

"This means being concerned about people's well-being as well as their personal salvation," she said after election to the presidency of the 1.6-million member, 6,000 congregation denomination during the 70-year-old body's national convention in late June.

Mrs. Sparrow singled out several areas of concern. As leader of her denomination she stated her overall goals would be global responsibility for human rights, pluralism in the denomination, strengthening the ecumenical movement, involving more church youths in decision-making, and stemming erosion of moral values.

Mrs. Sparrow said that she affirms civil rights and due process for all people, but she added that decision about whether to receive gays into membership and to ordain them as clergy of the American Baptist Churches is made on the local regional levels.

She cited the statement issued by the Ministers Council last year: "We believe the practice and advocacy of homosexual sexual activity to be incompatible with Christian principles and grounds for denial of ordination. We also affirm that past homosexual practices, when disavowed, should not be a barrier to ordination."

Seminarians' Concern Helps Reunite Nigerian's Family

By Nancy McGough

LOUISVILLE (BP) — After three years of separation, a Nigerian family has been reunited here — thanks to some concerned seminary students and a number of area Southern Baptist congregations.

Rufus Adetona, now a student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, left his family in 1973 to come to the United States to better prepare for Christian service in his country.

Since then he, his wife Olanike, and children, Jide 10, and Oye 5, had prayed for some way for them to be together. Oye was just two when Rufus

left and could not remember his father.

Their dream came true when another Southern Seminary student, Bud Turner, became concerned about his friend and decided to do something about it. The two had also been classmates at Sanford University in Birmingham, before coming to Southern.

Turner said he and friends living on the third floor of Southern's Sampey Hall talked it over and decided, "Let's just try to raise some money and see if we can get them over here."

In mid-October, 1976, the students dug into their own pockets. Many re-

turned to their home churches and explained Rufus's situation.

In response to the need of a family they had never met, churches in Clarksville, Tenn., Decatur and Anniston, Ala., Indianapolis, Ind., and several other cities contributed, including the Sunday School class to which Rufus belongs at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Shortly after Thanksgiving, the students trooped over to Rufus's apartment and presented him with \$1,200 they had collected. Rufus went into action, and on a snowy day in early 1977, his shivering family stepped off of a jetliner.

They had never seen snow before — in fact, had never been in cold weather — and saw the U.S. as a winter wonderland.

They are making adjustments to a new culture and climate. Olanike is finding it difficult to cook the new foods which "are not like ours at home." And so, "I have been the cook since they've come," Rufus said with a laugh.

Rufus, from a royal family in Nigeria and raised as a Moslem, was led to Christ as a young man by Southern Baptist missionaries. Olanike's father, a pastor, befriended the young Christian. Rufus had visited her home several times before he met Olanike, who was away at college.

"I think my coming here will be fruitful," Rufus recalled thinking the first time he saw Olanike. And he was right. They were married in 1962.

Rufus will probably be at the seminary — earning the doctor of education degree — about three more years he said.

But no doubt the next three years with his family will be far less lonely.



Church Travels 50 Miles

When two South Carolina churches of different faiths, size and racial make-up joined hands to conduct a Vacation Bible School, the enrollment was so high the children had to move outdoors. Ten adults from Ashley River Baptist Church in Charleston traveled 50 miles each day to the small town of Walterboro to lead the Bible school at the black St. James Holiness Church. (BP) Photo

Italian Church Baptizes 16 In Special Service

NAPLES, Italy (BP) — People sat in the windows and stood in the aisles here as the Naples Baptist Church baptized 16 converts in a special service.

A capacity crowd of almost 300 watched pastor Graziano Cannito baptize candidates, ranging in age from 77 to 20. For Italy, the number of candidates was exceedingly high.

Most of those baptized were young adults. Two curious priests mingled with the emotion-filled congregation observing the service.

Forty-five minutes before the service began, the church began to fill. Each person greeted his friends and fellow church members with a "holy kiss" on the cheeks as is the custom in Europe and the handshake characteristic of the warm fellowship of the congregation.

Young people and pastor were busy before the service as they arranged tracts and Bibles — gifts for the newly baptized members — and checked to see that all the details for the baptismal service were in order.

Southern Baptist missionaries from Rome attended the special service in which Robert A. Hollifield spoke. The two-hour service began with praise and ended with praise. The theme of baptism was carried throughout.

One of the candidates was a woman 77 years old; one man of 75. The remainder ranged from 20 to 35 years old. The elderly lady had accepted Jesus Christ as savior after many years of rebellion.

One man, the youngest in his family, is the first of his family to accept Christ. Another young man found a

tract in an art museum, read it and found the church address.

He said he "watched, like a lion watches its prey, before entering." He watched the people to see if they were living up to what they profess. The pastor said he was not "just a passenger," but a "carrier" of the gospel. The young man was the only baptismal candidate who had no family member present to witness his baptism.

After the baptismal service the new church members returned to the sanctuary where the deacon who had won many of them to Christ presented each new believer with a book, chosen especially for his or her personal need.

The 23-year-old pastor's son, the organist, said to one of the missionaries: "Many others are preparing for baptism, but they must finish the course on the significance of the Christian life, of baptism and of church membership. There is much work to be done here in Naples."

With that spirit, the Naples congregation looks toward the future but it will long look back to this joy-filled day as a high point in the life of their church.

Flora (Mrs. Robert A.) Hollifield is a Southern Baptist missionary from Lamar County, Mississippi, stationed in Naples, Italy.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Employees holding religious beliefs prohibiting support of labor unions would be permitted to withhold such support under an "Employee Bill of Rights" measure introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives.

Senior Adults Stay Active At Clarksdale

Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale organized a senior adult ministry in Sept. 1972 known as The Rolling Along Klub. At its first meeting, the club had 19 people including the workers. Today there are 72 on roll with an average attendance of 60. A few of these are from other denominations. "We feel that God led us into this ministry," says Mrs. Quentin Rives, leader of the club. "And He is still leading us in our growth and outreach."

Once each month there is a program with lunch, or a one day trip. All the planning, cooking, and etc. is done by younger ladies "who love to work with older people."

During the winter months, ladies of the club meet two days a week to make quilts. Trudy Mayers and Mrs. Hardy Peters, two club members, lead the group. Each member brings a sack lunch and the group has a time of fellowship. A silk flower-making class is led by Mrs. Woody Dabbs and Mrs. Paul Jones. A craft sale is being planned for November by Mrs. Herman Borgogoni, Mrs. J. A. Crawford, and Hardy Farris, Sr. All money made from projects goes into the club's bank account, and is used to finance such things as a once-a-year trip, giving memorials and to missions, and to buy stamps and cards to send to members.

Ann Caffey and Mable Boyd have a visitation program for shut-ins, and take Mature Living and Home Life magazines to them. The men, led by J. P. McSpadden, began a visiting ministry on August 16. They meet with the quilting ladies at 10 a.m. for a prayer service headed by K. E. Jones, and then join the ladies at noon for a sack lunch. "We hope to get them (the men) involved in making things for our craft sale, also," Rives comments.

June 12 was senior adult day in the church, and F. K. Horton preached. Senior adults filled the choir, took up the offering, and helped greet people. Lunch was served at noon for all the senior adults by The Rolling Along Klub. Over 100 were served. Last year there was a senior adult revival with a retired minister from the group, W. L. Marsh, doing the preaching.

Ray Simpson, minister of music at the church, organized a "Jubilee Choir" for the senior adults, and the group sang in the July 31 church service.

A scrapbook is kept of all activities, and a year book lists each member with his phone number, address, and birthday. The pastor, C. Glenn Sullivan, has invited the group to an ice cream party at his home for sometime in Sept.

Each member of the group expresses interest in being with other senior adults, and they even attended a senior adult meeting held in Greenville on May 23. They also, on June 1-3, went to see "The Passion Play" in Eureka Springs. Rives says she loves her work and is "so happy that more churches are becoming aware of the needs of senior adults, and we certainly need their wisdom."

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Joe Lynn Joyner, pastor of Southside Church, Aberdeen has recently been selected to be included in Marquis Publications Second Edition of Who's Who in Religion. Joyner is a graduate of Ferdinand Beach High School, Florida; Mississippi College; and New Orleans Seminary. Before coming to Southside, he served as pastor of Homewood Church (Scott); First Church, Abita Springs, Louisiana; and Hebron Church, Meridian. Joyner was selected for his leadership while in Lauderdale Association. He is married to the former Linda Young of Amory and has two children, Lee and Janna.

Doug Warren has been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. This program is sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees and other civic organizations of America. Warren is a 1972 graduate of Mississippi College, received his master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1976, and has served churches in Hinds, Yazoo, Rankin, and Copiah counties. He has conducted revival meetings in Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida and Georgia. He currently serves as pastor of Calvary Church, Silver Creek. He is married to the former Dianne Duck of Clinton and they have two children, Laura and David.

Philip Duncan is the new pastor of Tinsley Church (Yazoo). He is a recent graduate of Baptist Bible Institute Graceville, Florida, and arrived on his new field June 19. Duncan grew up in Dorsey, and is married to the former Janice Lesley of Fulton. They have one child, Kristie. Duncan will enter Miss. College in September.

Jerald Welch has resigned as pastor of FBC Isola effective July 24. On Aug. 1 he assumed the position of director of missions for Franklin Association in Ala. His name has also been included in the second edition of Who's Who in Religion.



Dennis Dale Duvall (right) is shown receiving congratulations and an ordination certificate from H. W. Nix, pastor of Oak Grove Church (Clarke). Little Bahala Church (Lincoln) has called Duvall as pastor and requested his ordination to the gospel ministry. Duvall, a Miss. College honors graduate, plans to enroll in New Orleans Seminary this fall.



David Hamilton, pastor Double Springs Church (Webster), has been awarded Outstanding Young Religious Leader by the Maben area Jaycees. He is married to the former Susan Hillhouse of Eupora.

FBC Raleigh recently surprised Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Perry with a reception on his 25th year in the ministry. Perry has been pastor of the church for two and a half years. He was recently named to appear again in the Who's Who in Religion second edition 1977-78, also Men of Achievement fourth edition, Personalities of the South ninth edition, and Dictionary of International Biography. His 25 years have been spent in Mississippi pastorates.

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program has announced that the following have been selected for inclusion in the 1977 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America: Gary G. Berry, Taylorsville; Randall Hogan Perry, Gainesville, GA; James Melvin Keith, Laurel; Donald Nathad Savell, Forest; Roy Richard McHenry, Okolona; D. Clark Measels, Ellisville; Wayne Rex Yancy, Sallito; James Elmer Messer, Vicksburg.

Pamela Sue Newsom, a member of New Hebron Church, has attended Sunday School in at least 10 states during her 19 years of life, and has maintained a perfect attendance record for 18 years. While at New Hebron, Pam has participated in many church activities such as youth choir and Acteen's where she climbed the ladder to Queen Regent. Pam, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Newsom, Jr., is a 1976 honor graduate of New Hebron Attendance Center where she was chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who Among Distinguished American High School Students and Who's Who Among Music Students in American High Schools. She has attended Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College and Arkansas State University.

W. Levon Moore will have his biographical sketch in the 1977 edition of Who's Who in Religion in America. Moore has served many positions of leadership in the MBC, and for seven years served as trustee on the SBC Sunday School Board. For the past two and one half years he has served as director of missions for the Attala Association and is presently serving a second term as president of the Miss. Conference of Directors of Missions. Moore and his wife, the former Pauline Rone, live in Kosciusko.

W. David Prevost, minister of music and youth for Meadville Church, has been selected to the 1977 Outstanding Young Men of America by the board of advisors of the US Jaycees. Prevost was also selected for Who's Who in Religion for 1977. He is married to the former Laura Bingham of Jackson.

Earl Clark, pastor of New Hope Church, Ellisville, was selected to the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1977. The Outstanding Young Men of America program is co-sponsored by the US Jaycees and other leading men's civic and service organizations.

BGCT President Pastor James G. Harris, Dies

FORT WORTH (BP) — James G. Harris, past president of the Foreign Mission Board and pastor of the University Baptist Church here, died suddenly July 31.

Harris suffered a heart attack while jogging early Sunday morning. The 64-year-old pastor was serving a third consecutive term as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at the time of his death. He was first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention during 1973-74.

Funeral services were held at University Baptist Church Aug. 2.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, and James B. Landes, executive secretary of the Texas Convention, officiated.

A member of the Foreign Mission Board from 1971 until his death, Harris served as its president from 1975 to April 1977. He also served as president of the alumni association of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, during 1974-1975 and was on the board of trustees for Baylor University, Waco, Tex., from 1964 to 1973 and then from 1975 until his death.

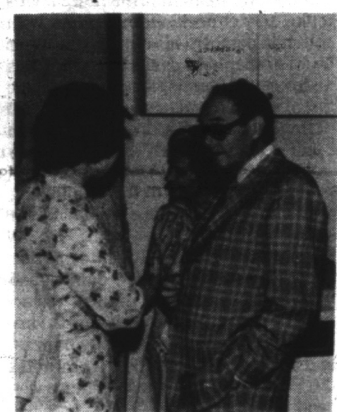
Harris has also been vice-chairman of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and chairman of the Christian Life Commission.

Kelly Completes

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The trip was in the process of planning for three years, Kelly said. About half of it was financed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board through funds received from sources other than the Cooperative Program, he added. "The other half was financed by private individuals who were very interested in our making the tour," he said.

It was planned in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board. Mr. and Mrs. Sigman paid their own travel expenses.



Dr. and Mrs. Kelly greet workers at the Baptist Building following the Kellys' return from an around-the-world trip to visit mission work. The Kellys were gone five weeks and visited missionaries and missions all along the way. A reception was held for them at the Baptist Building on their return.

Raymond Road To Hold School For Bus Workers

A two day school for bus pastors and workers will be held at Raymond Road Church in Jackson on August 15 and 16. The school will begin Monday at 11:30 a.m. with a free welcome luncheon and registration. At 1 p.m. the conference will begin with lectures and individual class programs on such subjects as children's church, the bus pastor, bus driver, teenage worker, puppet ministry, promoting, children soul winning and many others. First day activities will conclude at 9 p.m.

Guest speakers will include Dean Waters, bus director of Beth Haven Church, Louisville, Ky.; Lyle Harris of Louisville; Frank Stiedle, music evangelist of Canton; Mike Wells, bus director at Raymond Road; and Cecil Harper, guest soloist from Robinson Street Church in Jackson.

Second day activities will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Lunch will be furnished at no charge both days but evening meals will be taken at local restaurants.

Heart Attacks Hit Rutledge

ATLANTA (BP) — Arthur B. Rutledge, retired executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, is convalescing after having suffered a series of mild heart attacks.

Rutledge, who stepped down Dec. 31, 1976, after heading the board for 12 years, suffered a mild coronary July 12, another July 16, and a third July 28.

He was hospitalized in Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. Since retiring, Rutledge has lived near Cumming, Ga., and has been involved in teaching and writing.

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The Mission Task We Must Go To Work Now

By John Alexander, Director Stewardship Dept., MBCB

During Foreign Missions week at Ridgecrest this summer one of our missionaries from Hong Kong shared with us the experiences she has been having recently with young people swimming out of Red China to freedom in Hong Kong. Those who are not caught by the Communists or eaten by sharks make it.

A recent arrival identified himself as one of three sons of a Baptist pastor. They have not been allowed to have church services for 25 years, but in the home the pastor taught his sons the scriptures. There are many Christians in China today according to reports by those escaping.

This pastor told his three sons to try to escape and make something of themselves. The two older boys made it on the first try but the younger son was captured. He managed to escape his captors and on the second try he also made it to freedom. What a testimony for Communism that these young people are willing to risk their lives for a night of swimming through shark-infested waters to gain their freedom. Our missionaries are working with these young people trying to help them in the name of Christ. They are your missionaries and you support them by your gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Did you know that it took \$54,981,023 in 1976 to operate the Foreign Mission Board in its witness for Southern Baptists? That is \$4,548,752 per month, \$1,057,327 per week, \$150,633 per day, \$6,276 per hour, and \$104.00 per minute.

Do you know the average cost of supporting a missionary? It is \$10,838.11 per year, \$903.18 per month, \$208.43 per week, \$29.69 per day, \$1.24 per hour, and \$.021 per minute. How much missionary work did you or your church provide last year? I believe you would be interested in figuring it out.

Do you know that there are now 2717 missionaries serving in 86 countries?

Are you aware of the current efforts of the Foreign Mission Board? It is called TOTAL MISSIONS THRUST: Global Discipleship. The challenge and objective is to provide every person on earth the opportunity to hear the gospel by the close of the century. This will require an all-out effort by each Southern Baptist. It will require the utilization of every means of communication possible at home and abroad and for dedication of personal resources. The stewardship obligations of Southern Baptists toward overseas missions rest upon all church members. Some Christians can respond through missionary service, but all need to respond in prayer, giving, concern, and personal involvement. The time-frame for TOTAL MISSIONS THRUST: Global Discipleship is now, the last quarter of the twentieth century.

"We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work" (John 9:4 RSV).

Washburn Retirement Marks End Of An Era

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE (BP) — A. V. Washburn, "Mr. Sunday School" to Southern Baptists for the past 20 years, retired as head of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, Aug. 1.

Washburn, a board employee of 44 years, has invested his life in promoting Bible study because of a conviction that "reaching people for Christ is a tremendous challenge."

He has worked with many outstanding Southern Baptist leaders, including four presidents of the Board, I. J. Van Ness, T. L. Holcomb, James L. Sullivan and Grady Cothen.

Sunday School leaders with whom he has worked include Hight C. Moore, Prince E. Burroughs, Arthur Flake and J. N. Barnette, the only other person to head Southern Baptists' Sunday School program, which now has almost 7.5 million members enrolled.

As a boy in North Carolina, Washburn was a member of the same church as Barnette, who served as Sunday School director of the church. Consequently, Double Springs Baptist Church, near the railroad's Washburn Switch, has provided Southern Baptists with the only two men ever to lead the Bible study program.

When Barnette left Double Springs Baptist Church, Washburn's father took over as Sunday School director. His parents' strong commitment to Southern Baptists and the association with Barnette in those early years, made moving to the Sunday School Board in 1933 a "natural thing," according to Washburn.

Washburn's theory of operating for his years in Sunday School work probably is best explained in his paraphrase of one of Barnette's sayings:

"If you will work to grow a great Sunday School, in that process, you will have already developed a great church, because the basic element of reaching people and teaching them the Word of God is what Sunday School work is all about."

Several opportunities have arisen during the past years to leave the Sunday School Board to work in a church, or a state convention, but Washburn said he "always felt led to remain at the Sunday School Board, because the mission of the board is right at the heart of New Testament churches — which thrills me."

"The outlook for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools is very bright," according to Washburn.

"There have been periodic detractors," he said, "but we have continued to re-assess essential functions of the church and what a Bible teaching program can perform."

"Sunday Schools have always played an important role in establishing new churches," he said, "and the cooperative spirit that exists now between Southern Baptist agencies as related to establishing new congregations through new Sunday Schools is one of our most exciting prospects for the future."

"Growing momentum in the numerical growth of Sunday School enrollment and attendance, plus current reports of churches using the ACTION Sunday School enrollment plan to increase enrollment and attendance are two of our most encouraging signs of things to come," he added.

A total of 44 Bible-Teaching Learning Workshops were conducted in the spring of this year to help state conventions prepare Sunday School workers. Washburn attended over 30 of them.

After his retirement, he expects to be at least as busy as he is now.

First, the Southern Baptist Foreign

Mission Board has offered Washburn and his wife, Kate, the opportunity to work in Scotland for a year, beginning in April 1978. While there, he will serve as a general consultant to the Baptist Union of Scotland in the field of religious education.

Pinson Elected

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and "How to Deal with Controversial Issues."

He has been the featured lecturer for Christian Emphasis Week for more than 25 college and universities, NBC's "Faith in Action" series, and delivered one of the major addresses at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in June 1977.

Missionaries' Son Dies In Houston

HOUSTON (BP) — Kyle Kingsley, 22-year son of Southern Baptist missionaries, died at 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 22, in Northwest Houston Medical Center after suffering a cerebral aneurysm during the weekend of July 16.

Kingsley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene E. Kingsley of Alabama and Texas, returned to the United States July 21 from Lilongwe, Malawi, where he works with theological education by extension and as a general evangelist.

Funeral services were held July 25 in the Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston with burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont, Tex.

Young Kingsley was born in the states, but moved with his parents to the mission field at the age of five. He had just completed his sophomore year at Lamar University, Beaumont, and was living in Houston for the summer.

Survivors include his parents; two brothers, Kirk, who is a college student living in Dallas for the summer, and Keith, a senior at Rift Valley Academy in Nairobi, Kenya; and one sister, Karen, age 10, who lives at home.

SBC Missions Gifts Ahead Of Last Year

NASHVILLE (BP) — With only two months remaining in the 1976-77 fiscal year, receipts for the national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget are running 10.04 percent ahead of the same point last year.

The undesignated Cooperative Program funds after 10 months total \$43,153,890, compared to \$39,217,027 at the same point last year, while total gifts, including \$41,455,883 in designated gifts, have climbed to \$84,609,774. Total gifts exceed last year's figure by \$6,938,314, representing an 8.93 increase.

Total receipts for July tallied \$5,883,137, an increase of more than 14 percent over total gifts last July.

Cooperative Gifts Fall Below July '76 Figure

Cooperative Program gifts of \$580,259 received through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for July were \$23,935 less than for the same period of a year ago, according to a report by Earl Kelly, Mississippi Baptist executive secretary-treasurer.

"When a month ends on Sunday, as July did, the Cooperative Program income is likely to be low, for many churches do not send in their missions gifts until after the last Sunday of the month," Kelly said. The receipts which come into the office following the last day of a month are credited for the month in which they are received.

For the first seven months of this year the Cooperative Receipts have been \$201,213 more than for the same period of last year, Kelly said. The total for year to date is \$4,420,858. This is \$479,142 below the prorated budget figure for seven months of the year.

The total budget this year is \$8.4 million.

Baptists, Pentecostals Upset Liquor Election

Smith County Baptist Association has spearheaded a drive to head off a vote on the sale of liquor in the county, according to Charlie Bryant, director of associational missions.

Bryant was chairman of the steering committee in the effort and reports that in two weeks the dry forces had accumulated enough names to counteract an effort by the wet forces to call an election by obtaining 1,685 signatures. The wet group needed six weeks for its work, Bryant said.

Smith County is dry. A local option election in 1968 determined that, according to Bryant, this petition circulated by the wets would have made the sale of beer and wine legal throughout the county. Liquor can be sold only in incorporated areas, so the petition called for such sales in Raleigh and Taylorsville.

Baptist preachers, laymen, and women and members of Pentecostal churches combined to get enough signatures on a counter petition to sidetrack the election, Bryant said.

Books For Christian Service

An effort to collect from 50,000 to 75,000 books from Baptists in Mississippi to establish or enlarge libraries where it is difficult to do so is getting under way. The project is being promoted by the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The books will be used for libraries in the United States, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Korea, India, Liberia, Ghana, and other English-speaking countries in Africa. Committee members meeting in Jackson were, left to right, Leo Moore, Jackson; Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive; Paul Harrell, Jackson; Owen Gregory, Jackson; and Owen Cooper, Yazoo City. Harrell is director of the Brotherhood Department.

Johnson Assumes Holmes-Leflore

M. C. Johnson assumed the responsibility as director of missions of Holmes and Leflore Associations on August 1.

He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, a former director of missions in Maryland, and pastor of churches in Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi. For the past three and one half years he has served Immanuel Church, Greenwood. C. J. Olander was interim director of missions.

Cooperative Program		7 Months Ended 7/31/77 and 7/31/76			
No. Churches	1976	1977	Inc. (Decr.)	% Inc. (Decr.)	
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556	1,557,567	1,287,090	(270,477)	(17.4)	
1034	2,572,194	3,095,083	522,889	20.3	
64	38,495	38,495	—	—	
56	51,389	-0-	(51,389)	(100.0)	
TOTAL	4,219,645	4,420,668	201,023	4.8	

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Editorials

The Way To Go

Church budgets are being formed or soon will be. Now is the time to give attention to what the Cooperative Program means in the work of the Lord.

Read again Matt. 28:18-20, for an understanding of how the Cooperative Program fits into the divine plan of world-wide witness. This was our Master talking to His disciples both then and now. There is no reason to be confused over what is set forth. It says, "Go ye."

Through the years, since its inception in 1925, we have understood that the Cooperative Program is our way of getting there, wherever "there" might be, all over the world. This means in

our state, all across our nation, and into every nook and cranny in the world where we are allowed to send missionaries.

This is what the Cooperative Program is. It is simply the greatest plan of financing a world-encircling missions effort ever devised. It is the financial heart of what Baptists are all about.

We cannot afford for the Cooperative Program to be given second-rate consideration. Things on the local scene need to be looked after and taken care of, but the world-wide consideration needs to be just as prominent in the thoughts of the budget makers.

There may be those who would say that the Cooperative Program is too

broad and covers things that are not missions oriented. Yet everything that is a part of Cooperative Program financing has been felt to be missions supportive by Baptists gathered in deliberative sessions at Conventions, or it would not have been included.

The Cooperative Program deserves the very strongest support of every Baptist.

Because we are Baptists, any individual or church can decide not to support the Cooperative Program at all.

But the scripture says, "Go ye," and we can't escape that.

The Cooperative Program is the way to go.

Challenge For Youth

The biggest meeting Mississippi Baptists have every year is this week. It is the annual Youth Night, and an interesting and entertaining program has been planned.

More than interesting and entertaining, however, it doubtless will be spiritual and challenging; for two of the best known names in Mississippi will be a part of it.

Chester Swor will be the inspirational speaker. For the past 40 years he has been challenging groups such as this all over the nation, and thousands of lives have been changed as a result. This dynamic man has put himself under the control of the Lord, and he has been blessed with a great deal of determination and ability for the Lord

to use. The results have been without measure. He lives almost in the shadow of the Mississippi Coliseum, where the meeting will be held, so he is our own. Whatever effort it takes to get a good-sized group of young people to this meeting to hear Chester Swor will be worthwhile.

Another well-known name is Bob Tyler, athletic director and head football coach at Mississippi State. His Christianity is well documented, and he has been bold in presenting his testimony of the presence of Christ in his life. His presence at the meeting will be an inspiration to many young people.

Another Mississippian to be on the program is Cindy Malone, the reigning

Junior Miss of Jackson. She will sing and give her testimony of the Lordship of Christ. Cindy is the daughter of Byron Malone, the pastor of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson. No doubt, she will delight the audience and present a challenge to the young people.

The music will be under the direction of Ken Medema, a well-known blind composer, pianist, and singer. The organist will be Chuck Endsley of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, and the pianist will be Steve Roddy of First Baptist Church in Jackson.

A more worthwhile program could not have been prepared. It is one the young people of this state will remember for a long time.

"An Informed Baptist"

Throughout this summer the Baptist Record has been a six-page paper rather than an eight-page publication such as Mississippi Baptists have been accustomed to for years.

We have sought to make the six-page issues as interesting and informative as the eight-page papers are when they are published. We hope circumstances will allow us to return to an eight-page paper on a regular basis, but the prospects for a full-time eight-page paper are not bright.

There are several reasons for this series of six-page issues, but postage costs are the major problem. As the costs continue to escalate, the only courses which would seem to be open to meet expenses are increased subscription costs, increased advertising costs, a smaller paper, or seeking additional income from the Cooperative Program. We have chosen a combination of the first three. Cooperative Program income for this year, while substantially more than last year, is not up to budget expectations. Therefore we don't feel we should seek relief from that source. Our Baptist Record budget for 1978 will seek no additional Cooperative Program funds, though the total Baptist Record budget will be a great deal more than for this year, probably by about \$75,000.

It will be recalled that in the issue of June 9 a small circulation price increase was announced. On Jan. 1, 1978, the every family plan cost will go to \$2.88 per year as compared with the present figure of \$2.40. The club plan rate will be \$3.60 per year as compared with \$2.76 at this time. The annual individual subscription cost will be \$3.75 per year as compared with \$3.00. Advertising costs will also be increased slightly, and we hope our advertisers will stay with us. We feel we offer them a good market, for we screen our advertisers very carefully; and while Baptist Record advertising does not carry Baptist Record endorsement of the product, we try to be careful not to let objectionable advertising be a part of the paper.

All of these increases will not be

enough, however, and we feel we have no choice but to expect some additional six-page papers. We plan to go back to eight-pages for the most part on Sept. 1 of this year, but there will be other six-page papers next year.

Even so, we are still as large space-wise as any other paper in the Southern Baptist Convention area and larger than most. And as we cut down on space we need to give as much space to news from Mississippi Baptist churches as ever. We try to do our copy trimming in other areas.

The purpose of the Baptist Record is established in the constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Under Article VIII of the constitution is found:

Section 1. The official organ of the Convention and the Convention Board for the publication of Baptist and world religious news, and dissemination of Baptist doctrines, the creation of goodwill toward the denomination, and the promotion of the work of the Convention and the Convention Board, shall be the Baptist Record. It shall be published weekly and shall at all times keep itself in harmony with the aims of the Convention and the churches cooperating with the Convention.

Section 2. The columns of the Baptist Record, the limitations of its space considered, shall be open to the Baptist churches and associations of the state and to all the boards, institutions, and agencies of the Convention for the publication of news of their activities.

These are the principles under which we seek to operate.

Two self-evident truths have been known among Baptists even since the days of J. B. Gambrell, the first editor of the Baptist Record. One says, "An

informed Baptist is a better Baptist." This would mean that the more knowledge the church member has with which to perform his duties, the better he will be able to perform them. This an informed Baptist is a better church member and makes the pastor's job easier. David M. Gardner, editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas in the 40s and 50s, said the Baptist state paper in the budget of the church is like having an additional associate pastor on the staff.

It is crammed full of information about what Baptists are doing each week, and it is presented in an attractive manner. And while it must compete with television, the daily papers, and leisure time activities, it promotes the Kingdom of God through those who read it.

The other truth has been stated: "Trust the Lord and tell the people." This would mean to say that Baptists are fully capable of making the right decisions in their democratic fashion and depending on the Lord if they have adequate knowledge with which to decide. This knowledge of Baptist affairs all over the world comes to them through their state paper.

Now is the time to consider putting the Baptist Record in the church budget to send it to every family. As has been the custom for several years, the Baptist Record will be sent free for two months to every family in a church not already in a plan if the church will vote to enter into this program. At the end of the two months the church will begin receiving monthly bills for only 20 cents per family per month. It will be 24 cents per month after Jan. 1.

That is a bargain. But bargain or not, it's worthwhile.

Book Reviews

HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN by Billy Graham (Word, 187 pp., \$6.95) Writing at a time when interest in the subject of the "new birth" is at an all time high, Billy Graham uses his facile pen to show in clear, understandable language, just what the Bible says the term means. In 13 fresh, readable chapters, under 3 division headings, "Man's Need," "God's Answer," and "Man's Response" he shows the why, the how, and the what of the new birth. These are truths Baptists and many other evangelicals have taught through the centuries, so the book will present little that is new to them, yet they are presented in Dr. Graham's own unique manner, and from his own experience, so that the book will be a blessing even to them. To the person not familiar with the Bible or with this great doctrine, the book is enlightening and refreshing as it opens these truths. The messages are easy to read and are filled with both scripture references and interpretation, and with illustrations out of Dr. Graham's ministry which make the teaching understandable and alive. This book should have a wide reading, and the fact that 800,000 copies are in the first printing reveals that such is expected.

GOOD MORNING, LORD — Praise through the Psalms, by Nelle A. Vander Ark (Baker Book House, \$2.45, 60 pp.) What better way to greet the morning than with a psalm of praise. This book gives 60 morning devotions full of thanks and praise.



Missionary Bill Ichter and two students stand outside the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro.

Letters To The Editor

Influence Of Therman Bryant

Dear Sir:

After reading a recent issue of the Record, I felt compelled to respond to the article of Dr. Foy Rogers relating to Therman Bryant.

The privilege of knowing Bro. Bryant personally was not mine until the year 1976, when he served our church as interim pastor for six months. I agree in toto with the remarks of Dr. Rogers concerning this great servant of God. Never before has one person made such a lasting impression upon my life for the cause of Christ.

The sincere (Agape) love, the gentle smile, the kind words he spoke, all attested to his faith in a living Savior. Yes, Bro. Bryant was an outstanding servant of the Lord whose influence touched many lives and the fruits of which will be seen for years to come. Yet, it is my belief that a great contributing factor to his goodness and his greatness was the loyal support of his lovely wife, "Annie Grace," as he lovingly referred to her, was always with him and in her quiet manner encouraged him, strengthened him, and worked with him for the Glory of God. Yes, they were a "peculiar people" because of their total devotion to one another and their family, but most of all because of the total commitment of their lives to their Lord and Savior. To me they will always be a "special people."

I praise God for allowing me to know them; and I pray that He will continue to bless and sustain Mrs. Bryant, the children, and grandchildren until that Great Reunion Day.

Elaine Cade West

NOBTS Appoints Five To Faculty

New Orleans Seminary has appointed five new faculty members in the theology, religious education, and church music divisions.

Named as faculty members by the Board of Trustees are Joe Cothen, pastor of Oak Park Church, New Orleans; Ann Daniel Carline, a social worker at the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans; Talmadge Butler, music editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board Music Department. Also appointed were Bernard Spooner, minister of education and administration at Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth; and Al Washburn, minister of music and organist for Highland Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

The faculty additions have been made to fill vacancies and to keep ahead of healthy enrollment increases and program development.

Spiritual Hunger

Disaster Leaves Mark In Brazil

By Earl Kelly

"Disaster" is a word that Mississippi Baptists have become accustomed to. She has crossed our state wearing many masks — hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and droughts. Baptists have walked through her paths of devastation along the Gulf Coast, Tupelo, Inverness, McComb, Jackson, Canton, and scores of other places and wept.

As communications have improved through the use of the mass media, we have become witnesses of worldwide disasters — the floods of Pakistan; the drought of the Sahel, the earthquakes of Guatemala, Turkey, China, and Yugoslavia.

Many of us watched the film episodes of these disasters and were joined by the pictures of enormous human suffering, and we cried.

Remembering the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," we sprang into instantaneous action and made sacrificial responses in providing funds to help some of the unfortunate ones during their hours of greatest need. Probably more money has been channeled through churches and denominational boards in the form of disaster relief during the last three years than during all the other combined years of our denomination's history.

Our sensitivity to human suffering has become so keen that the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, as well as our own Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, have created special task forces to meet emergencies. These task forces have provided Baptists with an opportunity to fund these special projects. This new approach is in keeping with our understanding of the Gospel, our sense

of appreciation to God for our affluence, and our sensitivity to the hurts of others. Let God be praised that many of us have come to understand that when one member of the human race experiences pain because of a disaster the whole fabric of humanity is affected.

Recently I made a hasty two-day swing through one of our mission fields in Brazil. At 3 a.m. I sat on the balcony of my 24th floor hotel room, listening to the surf pound the rocks below as it had done for centuries before the Portuguese discovered the area they were to call the River of January, and relived the fast pace of the last two days. Below were the beautiful lights of a sleeping city where over 7,000,000 people live. The lighted statue of the Christ with outstretched arms on Corcovado seemed suspended in the sky. Spiritually, the city, like the nation, was sleeping the sleep of death. I thought, "Now there is a real disaster!"

Once I asked a Brazilian why Rio de Janeiro had had no major earthquakes or hurricanes. His eyes twinkled as he answered, "That's because God is a Brazilian." But I'm convinced that God sees a Brazilian disaster worse than earthquake or storm. Out of his love he feels the agony of a lost nation; and since God's Word tells us man cannot live by bread alone there is another immediate response needed if we are to cope with this greater disaster.

I had learned during my two-day whirlwind tour that the WMU Training School had an enrollment of over 170 students, while the staff and buildings were designed to accommodate only 80 students. Space, funds, and personnel were desperately needed. Also, the seminary campus was bursting at the seams with an enrollment of 280 stu-

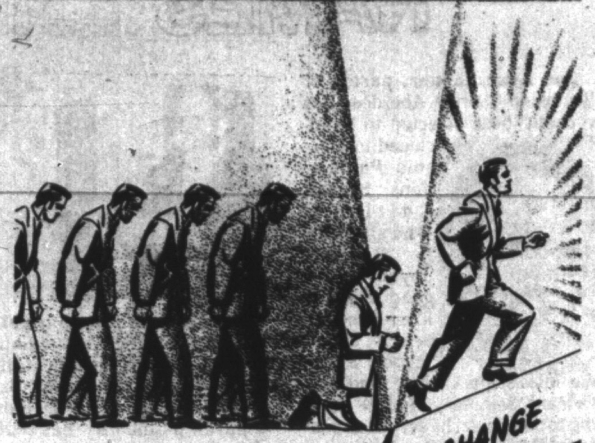
dents. The goal of the South Brazil mission is to have an enrollment of 1,000 students by 1982. Inflation which is presently averaging about 40 percent a year has made it impossible for Brazilian Baptists and the Foreign Mission Board to provide an additional floor on an existing dormitory to accommodate an additional 40 students. Many students are presently living in what I would call "disaster basement quarters." That's not good, nor is it right.

I had watched a new highspeed press run at full speed to provide 1,000,000 marked copies of the Gospel of John. The demand for the Word of God is outrunning the ability of the publishing house to supply even single Gospels. The people are spiritually hungry.

On that last day, as missionary Bill Ichter had driven me back over the mountain to my hotel, he had shared his dream of winning the fifth largest nation in the world to Christ. Already he and his family had given 20 years of their lives to that dream. He said, "Earl, if there are millions of lost people around you, and hundreds of churches that need pastors, and hundreds of young people who feel the call to enter the ministry, but we cannot accept but a few of them due to the lack of space, faculty, and funds, what is that but a disaster?"

I agree! That is the greatest of all disasters. We must begin to weep, pray, and make sacrificial offerings to the cause of missions immediately. We can't wait until tomorrow. The secret of disaster relief is immediate response. As a person, I must make a sacrificial response; and as a member of my church, I must demand that it respond sacrificially through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Prayer Changes Things



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"CALL UNTO ME, AND I WILL ANSWER THEE, AND SHOW THEE GREAT AND MIGHTY THINGS, WHICH THOU KNOWEST NOT" — JER. 33:3

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Like little Anna (in Mister God, This Is Anna), I have just one big problem — too few hours in each day for all I want to do and see.

Recently, for example: I interviewed people on a street corner, taking a survey on the subject of sleep, for a journalism class assignment. I toured the Baptist Church House, headquarters of British Baptists, and visited the office of the newspaper, The Baptist Times. I listened to the London Symphony play music from Stravinsky. I attended Evensong at St. Paul's and morning worship at Romford Baptist Church. I walked down Fleet Street. I admired the roses in Regent's Park, as high as my head, and — so help me — with blossoms as big as cabbages.

With an English professor and five students, Joan and I walked nine miles in less than three hours, mostly uphill, to see Keats' House at Hampstead, and other points of literary interest around Highgate and Hampstead Heath. (Evelyn Keyes laughs at me back home at the Baptist Building, when I can hardly climb to the fourth floor, from second.)

One night I was on television, and so, by the way, was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Joan and I were among 100,000 at Wembley Stadium for the Silver Jubilee Musical Pageant. It was

Cothen has been named associate professor of pastoral work; Carline will assume duties as assistant professor of social work; Butler will serve as assistant professor of church music education and administration; Washburn also will assume duties as associate professor of church music and organ.

The faculty members began their teaching duties effective August 1.

at Wembley that Billy Graham held his first crusade in 1954. First we heard that no tickets for the pageant were available, except maybe on black market for 18 or 20 pounds (35 or 40 dollars). That way was unacceptable to us, so we gave up. Then we heard that a block of 77 tickets had been bought by university officials for high school students. With the hope that 77 high school students would not all appear, we waited. And some did not show up. We got two tickets for two pounds each and rode to the stadium with about 60 or 70 teen-agers.

It looked as though everyone in London was heading for the stadium. Once when the snarled traffic came to a standstill, we suddenly heard a cry from the back of the bus: "The Queen is coming! The Queen is coming!" All vehicles stopped and waited for her limousine to pass. From the bus we could look directly into her car as she passed. She wore a turquoise evening gown, white cape, and gold crown.

In this Silver Jubilee Review, men from all three Armed Services paraded together for their Sovereign. As a grand climax for the first half of the pageant, 2,000 participants formed a huge crown flanked by the letters ER. Groups of bands in their red coats formed the base of the crown. Cavalrymen made up the apex; flag bearers framed the top. Flaming torches were centered in the letters ER. There were 70 bands, with the bugles, drums, and bands of mounted cavalry, as well as the Scots with their bagpipes.

At the close the sound of 100,000 voices singing "Abide With Me" turned my thoughts toward the day we shall hear the cry, "The King is coming!" "God hath highly exalted him that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." Phil. 2:9-10.

Will we be as well prepared to greet Him as London was her Queen?

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Neshoba Church, Union deacons pictured left to right are Tom Gully, T. L. Howle, Chester Clark, Jack Mason, Eugene Tidwell, Victor Rivers, James Vance, Mack Johnson, Allen Boler, and Jesse Pilgrim. Also pictured is Warren Haney, pastor.

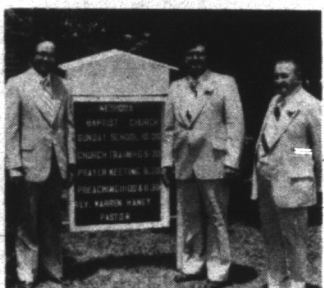
Neshoba Celebrates 100th

Neshoba Church, Union celebrated its 100th birthday on June 26 with a day of festivities and worship. The program consisted of music specials, testimonies from former members, and a centennial sermon preached by E. R. Pinson who pastored the church around 30 years ago. A presentation of the church's history was made by Thelma McBeath.

The overflow crowd enjoyed fellowship and a meal together. Special recognition was given to those born during the first 20 years of the church's existence. Also recognized were former pastors, other ministers, and those married in the church.



Senior citizens over 80 years old are (front left to right) Ester Gully, Cleo Howle, Alma Smith, Jennie Wilson, Mattie Vance, (back row) Tom Gully, Lee Richardson, Clara Houston, and Louva Howle.



Former pastors of the church left to right are Henry Adams (1968-1976), Warren Haney (present pastor), and E. R. Pinson (1944-1949).

Southern Baptists Form Research Fellowship

DALLAS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Research Fellowship has been formed here by representatives of several Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) agencies.

The group chose Leonard Irwin of Atlanta, director of the planning section of the SBC Home Mission Board, as president.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, called the research fellowship a "mainstream denominational leadership group of the future."

"In our complex age," he said, "it is extremely hazardous to undertake any kind of program and institutional development without research. We cannot afford misdirection, false starts and costly mistakes. Research will help avoid these."

Irwin said the organization will, among other functions, promote the application of research in program development and provide a forum for developing research skills and sharing research efforts.

James H. Landes, Texas Baptist executive director, and Lloyd Elder, assistant to the executive director, discussed research relating to state conventions and specifically such things as the Good News Texas mass-media campaign of Texas Baptists.

In light of recent research for Good News Texas and the Living Proof media campaign, said Landes, Baptist need to do additional research to learn why they are in better favor with the public than was expected.

"We need to do research to deter-

mine how we can keep good favor and avoid the pitfalls of groups who've had it and lost it," he added.

Landes said research is also needed in Southern Baptist areas of family life and mission work.

"We need to investigate why the mission dollar is becoming less of the church's income."



A Woman's World Reaches For
Beyond the Ironing Board
—Wanda Fancher

There are many, many things a child can say that send a parent into orbit. These sayings begin early. Some are cute, some are sweet, some are patronizing, some are insulting, some are worse.

The one that sends steam out the top of my head is, "Mother, I am — years old."

Declaration of age began very early with our boys, and it still goes on. When we were teaching them before they could barely talk to tell people how old they were, I fear we inadvertently instilled in them an attitude that being able to avow loudly the numbers of years one has been alive releases a magic potion that makes all things right and permissible.

It took me over 20 years to realize why this ritual makes me so furious. It means the child has two main theories to set forth. One, the parent's memory has failed. And I'm getting to the age where that is a very touchy subject. Two, the parent can't handle simple math. And that is rather touchy with me, too.

Anyway I finally decided to answer, tone for tone, "Don't tell me how old you are. I remember when you were born. I was there."

Seriously, I guess the reason this telling me how old they are bugs me is because it is usually involved in some discussion that involves privilege, rights, etc.

Every once in a while I find myself in my praying doing the same thing with the Lord — pointing out how long I've been a Christian, how long I've done this or that or the other — but I was not aware of how silly it is for me to be that way with the Lord until I was considering how I feel when my children tell me how old they are.

I could say to them as I have felt the Lord says to me, Child, don't tell me how old you are — I was here before you, I planned for you a long time, I wanted you to be mine. And I made all the preparations for you to be mine, and you always will be mine.

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Higginbothams Visit New Apartments

Sybil and Rufus C. Higginbotham, Dallas, visited in the new apartment of a Southwestern Seminary student family recently. In the background are Bill and Brenda Spears from Greenville, Miss. The Higginbothams are holding the Spears' children, Page and Drew. The new apartment is in the Sybil and Rufus Higginbotham Building.

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Weeks of presentation	4	3	1	1	1
Evaluation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Dinner	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Children's party	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Commitment service	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letters or paper	5	2	3	No	No
Pre-visitation in homes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Visit homes not returning pledges	Yes	No	No	No	No
Stewardship devotionals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Stewardship Sunday School lessons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Preach stewardship messages	5	4	3	4	2
Filmstrips	3	3	2	**	No
Tithing testimonies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Stewardship tracts	8	8	1	4	No
Budget adoption	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tithing emphasis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Commitments asked for	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

*Dinner or Budget Fair is suggested.
**Optional to this program.

The major characteristics of these five programs are as follows:

FB-F, The Forward Program

Lasts eight weeks; calls for preliminary visitation, newspapers and letters, dinner, four Sunday saturation of stewardship teaching, stewardship devotionals, testimonies, and tracts, five stewardship sermons; and requires a great deal of secretarial work.

FB-B, The Alternate Forward Program

Lasts six weeks; does not have follow-up visitation; does not have newspapers; has two letters but no other mailouts; has three rather than four weeks saturation of stewardship teaching; calls for stewardship devotionals, testimonies, and tracts; suggests four stewardship sermons; and requires less secretarial help.

TC-B, Tithers Commitment Program

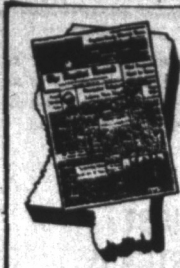
Lasts three weeks; is primarily a direct mail program, with a two Sunday saturation of stewardship teaching, stewardship devotionals, testimonies, and tracts; and suggests three stewardship sermons.

SR-B, Stewardship Revival

Lasts two weeks with a two Sunday saturation of stewardship teaching, devotionals, tracts, and testimonies; suggests four stewardship sermons; features Budget Fair or Stewardship Fellowship Supper; calls for a Prove the Tithes Day offering and commitment service.

SD-B, Simplified Church Budget Development and Promotion

Lasts one week; has responsive reading commitment service, adoption of a simple budget, and two stewardship sermons.



Just For The Record

Sardis Church (Smith) had homecoming on Aug. 7. Services began at 10:30 a.m. and lunch was at 12 noon. There was a time for singing in the afternoon. Guest speaker was W. P. Blair. Billy Ray Smith is pastor.

Darlove Church (Washington) will have its annual homecoming on Aug. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Glenn Nations, former pastor will preach the morning message. An evening concert at 2 will be conducted by the Southland Boys of Collins.

A new activities building will be opened in special ceremonies Aug. 19-21 at First Baptist Church, Tupelo. The events will get under way on Friday evening with a fellowship supper. On Saturday the new building will be open for tours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The special dedicatory services will be during the Sunday morning worship hour. Bill Rittenhouse is pastor.

Bayou View Church in Gulfport will celebrate its 20th Anniversary with special services on Sunday, August 21. R. R. Darby, the first pastor of the church, will bring the message at the morning worship service. The theme will be "Praising God for Past Experiences at BVBC." A church fellowship luncheon at the Holiday Inn will follow the morning service. The cost will be \$3 per person, and reservations are required. The present pastor, Tom Gautier, will bring the message for the evening worship service. The theme will be "Praising God for Future Experiences at BVBC."

Concord Church, Ackerman will celebrate its 140th birthday on August 14. It is also annual homecoming day and the beginning of summer revival. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the MBCB, will be the speaker for the morning service. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, will speak in the afternoon. J. P. Coleman, 5th circuit court judge, will also speak bringing the history of the church. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m., worship service 11 a.m., and lunch 12:15. Afternoon speaker will begin at 1:30 p.m. Revival services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Speaker will be Harold Scott, Harperville Church, and song leader will be Don Dukes, Ackerman Church.



Columbus Fairview Mission Team Works In New Castle, Penn. Area

The Fairview Church, Columbus youth mission team spent 13 days in Pennsylvania. The young people, working with Donald Knapp of Beaver, Pennsylvania, taught Mission Bible Schools, took surveys and presented music concerts in the New Castle, Pennsylvania area. According to Knapp, a new Southern Baptist church will be started in that area because of the work of the young people. Bob Waldrop is minister of music/youth and Gene Henderson is pastor.

Southern Will Exchange Degrees

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Trustees at Southern Seminary have provided another opportunity for alumni to exchange their B.D. degree for an M.Div. or their Th.D. for a Ph.D.

Between now and December 1, 1977 alumni who hold the bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Seminary may exchange it for the master of divinity by sending the old diploma to Harold S. Songer, director of basic professional studies, along with a check for \$25 to cover the cost of the new diploma and handling.

Alumni who hold the doctor of theology degree from Southern may exchange it for the doctor of philosophy by mailing the old diploma and a check for \$25 to Page H. Kelley, director of graduate studies.

The seminary address is: 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40206. The exchange period expires December 1.

7 Receive Southwestern Degrees



Seven Mississippi students received degrees from Southwestern Seminary on July 15. Pictured above left to right are Michael L. Edwards from Tupelo, master of music; William M. Fox, Jr. from Jackson and Randal C. Lindsey from Kosciusko, master of divinity; Jerry W. Morgan from Ripley, master of church music; Donald C. Solomon from Vicksburg, doctor of education; and Leroy Sylvester, Jr. from Kosciusko, diploma in theology. Brenda Joyce Teague (left) from New Albany received a master of religious education.



FBC Brooklyn Breaks Ground

FBC Brooklyn held a ground breaking ceremony for its new fellowship hall. Pictured are Mrs. Bertha Cooley, Kenneth R. Shoemaker (pastor), and Terrie McCordle. The oldest and the youngest church member present in Sunday School that day broke ground. Mrs. Cooley also broke ground in 1945 for the present sanctuary.



Ocean Springs Vancleave Holds Note Framing

Vancleave Church, Ocean Springs recently held a note framing service in which the church celebrated the payment in full of three bank notes which completely retired all outstanding church debts. Shown in the picture are Mrs. Opan Vaughn, treasurer; Felix Greer, pastor; and M. L. Malone, finance committee chairman. Since this occasion, the church has voted to build additional educational space. Construction on this addition is expected to begin soon.

Devotional

What Does God Have To Say?

By Kermit McGregor, pastor Temple Church, Hattiesburg
Exodus 3:1-12

Several years ago my wife and our small son were standing near the pulpit area in our chapel. Suddenly he boisterously climbed the three steps to the platform, did an about-face and proceeded to jump to the floor. His ferris-wheel mind suggested that one successful jump should be followed by another in staccato style. But a wise mother strongly protested only to be chagrined by an announcement from an over-confident two year old, "God say it be all right to jump." Needless to say all of us hear "voices" that are difficult to interpret and often with dangerous rapidity assume they are "words from God." What does God really have to say?

Moses was quietly and routinely shepherding Jethro's flock near Horeb, "the mountain of God." His isolationism was arrested by an expression of God as "the angel of the Lord." The strange phenomenon of a "continuously burning" bush that "was not eaten" was enough to capture the "resolute purpose" of investigation to use J. Hardee Kennedy's words.

What did God have to say? To Moses he said, "ANSWER ME!" When God saw that one turned aside to "see" he called him by name. From Genesis to Revelation, scripture reveals that God is trying to get man to answer Him. He truly has something to say!

God also said to Moses, "RESPECT ME!" Every person who has been ushered into the presence of royalty can attest to the consciousness of extraordinary power. God said, "you must not approach me as the ordinary." Acknowledge "my presence" with preparation to worship.

God also said, "KNOW ME!" "I am the God of thy Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." This same covenant initiating, miracle working, consistently leading God says to all in Jesus Christ, "Know who I am!" (John 1:1-18).

God also said to Moses, "FOLLOW ME!" A plan of deliverance includes you because "I have seen the affliction of my people." Moses protested magnifying his own failures and inabilities and minimizing the power of God.

All of the words spoken to Moses are completely fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Lord (Hebrews 1:1ff). God has something to say. In fact He has said it all in Jesus Christ.



FBC Raleigh Celebrates 94th Year

FBC, Raleigh celebrated its 94th birthday on July 24, with a praise service, dinner on the ground and ground breaking ceremonies for a new \$83,140 multi-purpose building. Those in the picture above represent the building committee, active deacons, and someone from all age groups of the church. W. H. Merritt, a former pastor; Robert Perry, pastor; Olen Tadlock, chairman of deacons; and Bob Wyatt, chairman of the "Together We Build" campaign and building committee took part in the service. Raleigh Construction Company is the general contractor.

Sunday School Lesson: International For August 14

Gideon: God's Courageous Man

By William Fallis
Judges 6-8

In 1865 William Booth and his wife Catherine were popular evangelists of the New Connexion offshoot of Methodism in England. But their interest in the poor and exploited people caused the leaders of their denomination to reject them. What they really wanted to do was to win the lost in London's terrible East End slums, the people outside the concern of the churches. It was very hard work with little support. The crowds were often so rough that William needed a converted prizefighter. Peter Monk, as his bodyguard. His income averaged three pounds a week for his wife and six young children. He preached mostly in tents and secular buildings; churches were not open to the kind of people he wanted to reach. Eventually Booth named his ministry the Salvation Army.



Throwing Down Baal's Altar (Judg. 6:25-32)
The judge (or champion) who probably appealed most to the Israelites was Gideon. Marauding Midianites and some other plunderers were destroying crops and stealing from the Israelites. An angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, called him a "mighty man of valor," and commissioned him to save Israel from the Midianites.

After Gideon was convinced that it was the Lord speaking to him, he built an altar. That night the Lord commanded him to destroy his father's altar to Baal and the asherah (sacred pole) beside it. He would be defying not only his father's authority but also that of the god. But Gideon did it. Joash, refused to allow his son to be punished, arguing that if Baal was a god, he could defend himself. So, the townspeople gave Gideon a name which was supposed to say he was under a curse, but Yahweh followers saw in it the impotence of Baal.

Willing To Fight With A Few (7:2-8)
In 6:34 "the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon," and he called his clan around him. Then fighters from four northern tribes joined them to make up Gideon's army. After being reassured that God would see him to save

Israel (6:36-40). Gideon led his forces to camp only four miles from the Midianites. But to prevent Israel from boasting of their own might after the victory, the Lord told Gideon to send home all the people who were fearful. After two-thirds of the army had left, ten thousand still remained. To reduce this force even more, the Lord had the men drink at the well or spring. The 300 who raised water in their hands and lapped it were chosen for the battle. In the light of Gideon's strategy, verse 8a probably means that they collected 300 jars and trumpets.

Knowing Who Gave The Victory (7:20-21; 8:23)

After overhearing the strange dream of a Midianite, Gideon was convinced that the invaders were ripe for a beating. Returning to his camp, he divided his force into three equal companies to take up positions around the enemies' camp. Each man had a trumpet (probably a ram's horn) in his right hand and a torch hidden in a pitcher or jar in his left hand. At 10 p.m. just after the relief watchmen had come on duty, Gideon led his men all at the same time to break their

pitchers to reveal their torches and blow their horns. Then they shouted: "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon!" The Midianites were terrified and turned on one another with their swords. The army was decimated as it fled.

After that stunning victory, Gideon was Israel's hero. Some people thought the time had come to have such a man as their king. But when they offered the throne to Gideon, even with the promise of succession, he refused because he felt that only the Lord should rule over them.

Life And Work For August 14

The Sanctity Of Time

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First
Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28

"Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). The Commandment assumes that the day will be remembered so that the day will be set apart for rest and holy living. The main idea is positive. "Holiness" meant complete dedication to the Lord. It might involve separation from the world. Holiness is based upon a relationship to the Lord. The day of worship and rest becomes holy because of its relationship to God.

By setting aside one day in seven as a day uniquely holy to the Lord, the worshiper proclaims the sanctity of all life. By dedicating a part, the whole becomes involved. So God decreed that one day should be set apart for rest. But men might learn that to Him not one but all our days belong to Him. The Sabbath was to be a day of rest. Work was a commandment because it was part of man's purpose. The day belongs to the Lord, not to man for the pursuit of his own interest. By this, man was reminded that his days were not his own.

The Sabbath became a day of worship in the religious life of Israel. The book of Leviticus gives us the details of how the day of rest was to be "a holy

convocation." Throughout the Old Testament instructions are given to call for worship on the Sabbath.

By building a hedge of minute laws about the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders were seeking to preserve its meaning. But you cannot legislate holiness. It emerges from a relationship with the Lord. Israel abused the commandment in her attempt to keep it.

Jesus ran into conflicts with the religious leaders of His day in His observance of the Sabbath. Jesus was influenced more by human need than by legal prescription. He healed on the Sabbath. He permitted His disciples to pluck grain on the Sabbath to satisfy their hunger. Jesus extended His authority over the day to the point that He claimed to be Lord of the Sabbath. The day must stand beneath the person of Jesus Christ.

Why do we worship on the first day of the week instead of the Sabbath like the Bible says? There is no specific command to change. The Christian broke from the Sabbath day worship early in the life of the church. In Acts 20:7, Paul preached at Troas on the first day of the week. In Revelation 1:10, John shows that the first day of the week was called the Lord's Day. The New Testament teaches us to use as a day of rest and worship the first day as a testimony to the resurrection of the Christ.

In our day, the Lord's Day needs our careful consideration. Where I live, Sunday is just another part of Saturday. Little difference is expressed in the attitude toward the two days by the

majority of the people. Recently, a quiz show trying to match thoughts asked the question, "What do you think of when you hear the word Sunday?" The contestant said, "A day to sleep late" and she won.

What should or should not be done on the Sabbath? The sanctity of one day in seven, the Lord's Day for Christians, is essentially a covenant relationship. Our attitude toward the Sabbath should be grounded in the positive aspects of holiness. Our conduct on this day should reflect our consecration to the Lord. As we observe a day of rest and worship, it should remind us that every day belongs to the Lord.

The one word that captures the essence of the Commandment is sanctity. The sanctity of the Sabbath effectively proclaims the believer's understanding of the essential sanctity of all time and space.

Toronto (RNS) — The religious and medical professions have reacted sharply in the wake of a task force report to the Anglican Church of Canada which suggests that it may be morally right to terminate the life of new-born infants with severe brain damage. The comments, which are contained in four paragraphs of a 16-page report entitled "Dying: Considerations Concerning the Passage from Life To Death," says that in cases where such infants lack "the least vestige of human behavior and intellect," the parents should have the paramount say in reaching the decision to terminate life.

Revival Dates

Parkhill Church, Jackson: Aug. 14-19; services 11 a.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. nightly; evangelist, Jim Bain from Oxford; music by Ed Perkins; will include ventriloquist act—special nights for families, youth, and children — after-service fellowships — and even the church's version of "The Gong Show"; Joe Stovall is pastor.

New Prospect (Lincoln): August 7-12; in progress now; Sunday services at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; dinner on the ground at noon; Monday - Friday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Norman Hester, Silas, Ala., evangelist; Gary Knapp, Summit, song leader; Ted Rushing, pastor.

FBC Lake (Scott): Aug. 14-17; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays 8 p.m.; Bartis Harper, FBC Morton, evangelist; Frank Nix, FBC Morton, music director; Wesley Miley, pastor.

FBC Pearl: youth-led Aug. 12-14; evening services at 7; 11 a.m. Sunday service; Rick Holcombe of Louisville, Ky. is the evangelist; Ron Cook will lead the music; nursery provided for all services; Stanley Barnett is pastor.

FBC Landerdale: Aug. 14-19; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Kelly Dampier, pastor Fifteenth Ave. Church, Meridian, evangelist; Tom Harrison, choir director, will lead singing; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Sand Hill Church (Jones): Aug. 14-19; Sunday homecoming with dinner at the church and the "Creations" from Jackson will sing in the afternoon; Steve Pouncey, evangelist; Charles Mixon, direct music; 7:30 each night; Walter Johnson, pastor.

McBee (Lowndes): Aug. 15-21; Bob Peoples of Chattanooga, Tenn. will be the evangelist; G. A. Weir is song leader and S. C. Earwood is pastor.

Silam Church (Clay): Aug. 14-19; James Gilbert, missionary from Ecuador, guest speaker; Mike Woodson, choir director; Walter Frederick, pastor.

Bellevue Church (Lamar): Aug. 14-19; Howard Aultman, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, song leader; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; lunch will be served at church; Monday - Friday services 7:30 p.m.; James L. Yates, pastor.

Bethany Church, Bay Springs: Aug. 14-19; Sunday homecomings services 11 a.m. with dinner on the ground, afternoon special singing and message; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Leon Akins from Florida; music director, Evalyn Rayner; pastor, Eddie Davidson.

Mt. Zion Church (Simpson): Aug. 14-19; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays services 7:30 p.m.; S. A. Adkins, evangelist; Gordon Alford, music evangelist; Ben Carlisle, pastor.

Bowlin Church (Attala): Aug. 14-19; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday - Friday services 7:30 p.m.; Ed McDaniel, pastor FBC Durant, evangelist; David Oliver, Kosciusko, song leader; Walter Hines, pastor.

Oakvale Church (Lawrence): Aug. 14-19; regular services on Sunday — 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; weekday services 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Douglas Saxon, speaker; Joe Clark of Petal will lead the singing.

Plymouth Church, Columbus: Aug. 14-19; 7:30 p.m.; John Forsman, pastor Wade Church, Pascagoula, evangelist; Grover Fairchild, minister of music, Plymouth, singing; James R. Hutcherson, Sr., pastor.

Salem Church, Raymond: Aug. 14-19; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Carey Cox, Jackson, evangelist; Bobby Stubbs, Salem music director, will be leading the music; Harry F. Jones, pastor; homecoming Aug. 14 with dinner served in fellowship hall.

Little Bahala (Lincoln): Aug. 14-19; homecoming the 14th, services 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., no night service; weekdays services 7:30 p.m.; H. B. Betha Fielding, evangelist; David Derrick, music evangelist; Dennis Duval, pastor.

Arlington Church (Lincoln): Aug. 14-19; Leo Timms of Portsville Church, evangelist; Bob Ammons, pastor, will direct music; Sharon Sasser, piano; Pat Jergins, organ.

Union Church (Rankin): August 21-26; Charles Hollifield, pastor of Liberty Church in Liberty, evangelist; Ralph and Betty Jackson from Jackson, visiting musicians; S. W. Valentine, pastor, will lead the singing. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.